

REMARKS

Claims 67-72 and 75-78 are pending in this application. Claims 51-66 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 67-72 and 75-78. In response to the Examiner's statement that the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of non-elected claims 51-66, Applicants have cancelled these claims. Applicants have also corrected a typographical error in claim 78.

Thus, since the only pending claims, claims 67-72 and 75-78, have been allowed by the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

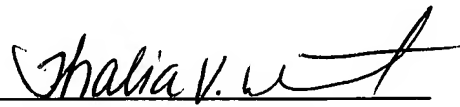
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